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 For: TOBACCO PROCESSING

Group Art Unit: 1731
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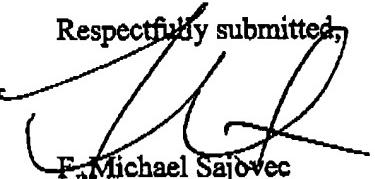
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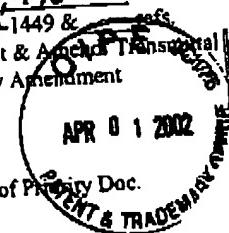
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